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Manchester Civic Band plans Timbercrest live performance

A Manchester Civic Band performance at Timbercrest Retirement Community performances has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classyc.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

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Zay announces reelection bid

He is three years into his first term representing the Indiana State Senate's 17th District

By BRETT STOVER
Huntington Herald-Press Editor

State Sen. Andy Zay (R-Huntington) announced Monday afternoon that he plans to seek another term in the General Assembly in 2022.



ZAY

Now three years into his first term representing the Indiana State Senate's 17th District, Zay said he is glad to have a legislative record to run on, something he did not have when launching his 2018 bid to fill the seat previously held by now-U.S. House member Jim Banks (R-Indiana). "I have some successes, so I have some accomplish-

ments. I have a record to run on," Zay said. "I think it's important to show the people in the district and the communities that I'm not a placeholder in Indianapolis. I'm down there to make a difference, and I've tried to do that."

He feels he's gaining traction in the legislature and said he hopes to be able to continue to represent the constituents of the more rural 17th District. Zay said he feels that much of the State Senate is composed of districts that are either in

Indianapolis or are districts on which the capital city has a "strong influence" and that sometimes legislators from those districts "forget about other parts of the state."

In particular, Zay hopes to continue work on what has become a signature issue of his, rural broadband, as well as "helping us get out and beyond COVID" and creating "economic development opportunities."

"We're seeing the expansion of rural broadband and connectivity. We have

certainly realized in the last two years how important that is. I believe that's the next frontier for creating population growth in our rural counties," Zay said. "Over half of the counties in the state of Indiana were flat or decreasing [in population] in the census. I think that's Indiana's challenge moving into this next decade, how we can broaden our growth and opportunities beyond our metropolitan areas."

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Secretary of State Holli Sullivan visits Wabash, talks issues

State's chief elections officer discusses voting security, redistricting, her campaign, more

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan visited Wabash.

During her visit, she stopped by the office of Wabash County Clerk Lori Draper before dropping by the Plain Dealer's office for an interview.

"You have an experienced clerk and it was great to connect with her again," said Sullivan. Truly the visit was just to spend some time in the office here locally with your elections coordinator, voter registration and Lori to be able to one get to know each other and part of the statewide tour for all 92 counties."

Sullivan said the point of her listening tour was to debrief after the 2020 election while they looked forward to the 2022 elections.

"Each county did a great job with the elections process. Indiana has a strong process but each county also had different obstacles within the pandemic to learn from," said Sullivan. "Last year we had the (personal protective equipment) and if it's needed again this year. (We) talked through



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the turnout and how a lot of that was early last year and a lot of the expectations and how to prepare properly for next year's elections as

well."

In addition, she discussed several issues with the Plain Dealer including election security, increasing voter

confidence, redistricting, her election campaign and more.

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Walorski votes against LJSA, rest of BBB Act

Legislation heads to Senate for a revision before heading back to House

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act (LJSA), a bill meant to help local newspapers, was first introduced in the House of Representatives last year and now heads to the Senate.

The bill was first introduced in July 2020 by Ann Kirkpatrick, D-Arizona, as H.R.

7640. It was reintroduced this year as H.R. 3940 and S.B. 2434.

This bill allows individual and business taxpayers certain tax credits for the support of local newspapers and media. Specifically, individual taxpayers may claim an income tax credit of up to \$250 for a local newspaper subscription.

The bill also allows local

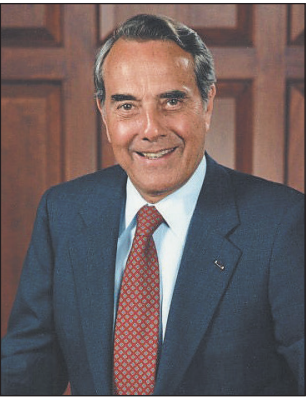
newspaper employers a payroll tax credit for wages paid to an employee for service as a journalist and certain small businesses a tax credit for local newspaper and media advertising expenses, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Last month, H.R. 3940 was included in the Build Back Better (BBB) Act, H.R. 5376, which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 220 to 213 on Nov. 19.

One of those who voted against the BBB Act was Rep. Jackie Walorski,

R-Indiana. "President Biden and the Democrats' socialist tax and spend scam is big-government at its worst. This radical legislation would exert more government control over Americans' lives than ever before. While the Democrats' so-called 'Build Back Better' plan would indeed build a bigger government for unelected bureaucrats, all the American people get are higher taxes, skyrocketing inflation, and less freedom.

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A former Republican presidential candidate and World War II veteran who served in Congress for 36 years, Bob Dole died Sunday at the age of 98.

Local leaders honor Bob Dole

Former senator, GOP presidential candidate to lie in state at Capitol

By ROB BURGESS
and THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sen. Bob Dole's casket will lie in state in the U.S. Capitol on Thursday as congressional leaders honor the former Republican presidential candidate and World War II veteran who served in Congress for 36 years.

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'Lights at Paradise Bash' planned

New event replaces previous years' 'Old Fashioned Christmas'

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

In previous years, Paradise Spring Historical Park played host to an "Old Fashioned Christmas."

This year, a new event, "Lights at Paradise Bash," is set to take its place.

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BASH






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Starting in 2017, the “Old Fashioned Christmas” event featured “old fashioned entertainment, like stringing popcorn and cranberries into homemade crafts, cutting logs with an old-fashioned saw and even meeting Father Christmas himself,” said Paradise Spring Board secretary and organizer Deanna Unger. This year, though, the community is invited to a new

event called, “Lights at Paradise Bash,” said Mayor Scott Long’s coordinator Maria Smyth. The event is set to take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18 at 351 W. Market St. “The Paradise Spring Historical Park lights will be twinkling, complementary cookies will be served, and you’ll also have a chance to meet Old Time Santa in a settler’s cabin,” said Smyth. Smyth said White Rock Recreation will also be open





at 800 S. Wabash St. during these times with Christmas lights, Santa, music and hot cocoa available. The Wabash County Museum will also be open at 36 E. Market St. for children’s Christmas activities. Trolley No. 85 will also be running from 5:30-8 p.m. between all locations, including a pickup at Eagles Theatre at 106 W. Market St. and The Depot on Canal Street. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

5-Day Weather Summary

				
Wednesday Partly Cloudy 40 / 25	Thursday Mostly Cloudy 49 / 41	Friday Few Showers 65 / 54	Saturday Showers Likely 61 / 30	Sunday Partly Cloudy 43 / 28

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:19 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:52 a.m.

 First 12/10	 Full 12/18	 Last 12/26	 New 1/2
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 40°, humidity of 60%. Southwest wind 3 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 25°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 21°. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 49°, humidity of 72%.

ZAY

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One major change between Zay’s first election campaign in 2018 and next year will be the newly-restructured 17th District. The new district no longer includes any portions of Whitley County – Zay said that he will “really

miss” his constituents there – and will now encompass the entirety of Huntington, Wabash and Grant counties. “Obviously, Huntington is nothing new to me,” Zay said. “I was born, lived and raised here, so the eastern side of Huntington County which I’m picking up, I’m very familiar with, all the way from Roanoke down to

Warren.” As the entirety of Wabash County will remain inside the district, the biggest difference for Zay will be the addition of southern Grant County. Zay mentioned that he is excited to add another college to the district, as Taylor University will join Huntington University and Indiana Wesleyan in the 17th

District, and that he plans to “get my face out” in new areas in the district in the coming months. “I’ve spent some time with Mayor Bill Rock down in Gas City. I’m looking forward to getting to Jonesboro and some of the other small burgers down there,” Zay said. “I did have most of the population centers, because my

district went right through Marion.” Zay said that he is “sentimental” about the decision to run for reelection, and that he’s enjoyed meeting constituents during his first term. “I’m just completely humbled and honored to serve in the General Assembly in general. It’s just been such a

high honor working with the communities that I serve,” Zay said. “I look forward to continuing those efforts for Huntington and Wabash and Grant County, and all of the outlying communities. It’s a voice that I think we need in Indianapolis.” Brett Stover, Huntington Herald-Press editor, may be reached by email at bstover@h-ponline.com.

SULLIVAN

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Election security

Sullivan said one of her top priorities as the chief elections officer of the state was to continue to educate Hoosiers on Indiana’s election process. “The knowledge is part of building the confidence because we are getting a lot of information from other states that aren’t apples to apples as far as elections and county to county in terms of equipment,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said that while some counties have different equipment, Wabash County does have the Voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) system. Sullivan said that while this equipment was not yet introduced during the pandemic for general use, it was “encouraging that you have voters already asking for that.” Sullivan said that when this was rolled out it would be “a voter confidence tool.” “Implementing that next year through your local office will then give us two new aspects. One is the voter confidence that when you push the buttons on your Microvote (direct-recording electronic) voting machine, you will then have the paper printout to verify your vote and have the opportunity to change anything right then and there if it’s not printed the way that you felt was capturing your vote. (You will) be able to update it on-site with a local poll worker and then cast your vote, (and) watch it, as a confidence issue, be counted,” said Sullivan. “The second part of that is since we have a paper trail, we can institute more audits in more counties.” Sullivan said they had already done five post-election audits during the general election in 2020 and eight in 2020 primary elections. “But having more VVPATs in each of our counties now allows us to do more in the future,” said Sullivan.

Federal election legislation

The For the People Act, otherwise known as H.R. 1, was passed in the House of Representatives in 2019 but never received a vote in the Senate. In 2021, the bill again passed in the House of Representatives, but again failed in the Senate after Republicans filibustered it. Also this year, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021, otherwise known as H.R. 4, passed the House of Representatives but failed in Senate after failing to secure 60 votes. “H.R. 4 is an unprecedented overreach of federal power over local elections. H.R. 4 seeks to require states to get federal pre-approval for voting rights laws, a practice that the U.S. Supreme Court has already stated has limits. I urge the Senate to reject this legislation which creates an unelected federal ‘Election Czar’ with the ability to review and interfere with Indiana laws and election safeguards,” said Sullivan in August, after the bill passed the House of Representatives. “In 2020, Indiana administered a safe, secure and accessible election with the highest voter turnout since 1992. I know that Hoosier elections are best run by Hoosiers themselves. The goal of my office is to ensure that it

is easier for Hoosiers to vote, but harder to cheat. H.R. 4 severely jeopardizes this goal and Indiana’s proven track record of running safe and secure elections where every legal vote cast is counted. I will do everything within the power of this office to fight against this unnecessary overreach.” Sullivan said both of these bills were “attempts to ... take Hoosiers out of running Hoosier elections.” “I know the best-run elections are those that are closest to the voters. And a state-run election needs to remain that way because we have our own certification process and when we lose the ability to have securities around that because it becomes a federalized elections process we lose the ability to increase voter confidence at that point,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said these two bills were similar in that they “both take a federal review of state election laws.” “The federal government decides what is legal and not legal in each state. They do that differently. H.R. 4 takes the responsibility of election law decisions away from elected officials into a bureaucratic position at the DOJ which means then voters and democracy, in general, do not have a voice in how they want their state-run elections to happen,” said Sullivan.

‘Voter roll maintenance’

In May, Hoosier voters began to receive postcards in the mail from the Secretary of State’s office, which “mailed these postcards as part of a statewide voter list refresh,” said Sullivan’s deputy chief of staff and communications director Rachel Hoffmeyer. “The goal is to identify outdated and inaccurate voter registration information to improve the accuracy and integrity of Indiana’s voter registration list,” said Hoffmeyer. Hoffmeyer said postcards that were returned to the office as undeliverable would then be used to identify outdated voter registration information. If the first mailing was returned as undeliverable, a second postcard was sent to the forwarding address on file with the U.S. Postal Service. The second postcard asked the voter to confirm or update their residence address or cancel their Indiana voter registration using a postage pre-paid voter response card. “There’s huge confidence issues of showing up and making sure you’ve got the right ballot when you turn up to vote. And to make sure we’re properly equipped for the voter turnout in each precinct or vote center by knowing how many people live there,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said that with IndianaVoters.com Indiana was one of the first five states nationally to be able to register to vote online. Sullivan said Hoosiers also have the opportunity when they get their driver’s license to say ‘yes’ or ‘no’ and to have that automatically happen to forward that communication to their county clerk. “We have a lot of, I would say, automatic-type parameters in place right now for our residents,” said Sullivan. “We do still need the security around knowing where you live. Because even if you move one street over, you could have a different ballot.

So your state (representative) might change.” Sullivan said when she was living in Vanderburgh County as a state representative, the neighbors that lived behind her couldn’t vote for her because they were not in her district. “It was very frustrating for them because they could say ‘hi’ to me in my backyard, but they couldn’t vote (for me) because our ballots were different. And that has to do with how you secure the rules, the voter list maintenance. That’s actually a federal law as well to increase your securities around voter list maintenance,” said Sullivan.

Mail-in voting

California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Washington are the only states which currently conduct elections strictly through mail-in voting. Sullivan said that while she was in the legislature for eight years she “had the opportunity to create policy then.” “I don’t now. I get to be the one that enacts it,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said moving Indiana to be an all-mail-in state would be a “large overhaul of election code in the state of Indiana and probably something that wouldn’t happen in a short session coming up.” “I don’t see that happening before our next election or anything like that,” said Sullivan. “We did see an increase in early voting but substantially part of that was in-person absentee. A lot of times we say absentee and in our minds that could be paper but a lot of times that’s just early voting in person at a different vote center.”

Sullivan said she expected this sort of voting would continue to be “very strong” in the upcoming Indiana elections. “I think Hoosiers like the convenience of vote centers,” said Sullivan. “I think Hoosiers like the convenience of, I call it vote season.” The state legislature in 2020 increased that period by one day, so Hoosiers now have 29 days total including Election Day to be able to vote early. “Some of that increase during the pandemic was paper-driven with an application to get your ballot and then when you get your ballot you mail it in,” said Sullivan. “That process has been in play for many years in the state of Indiana.” Sullivan said she was comfortable with this as it was a “secure process.” “We link and have been for many years to signature verification through your ID, your voter ID and the system which is used at the BMV and your voter registration,” said Sullivan. “The part of it that is new from last year is the electronic application. We didn’t have that before. That is a process that needs to be reviewed because it’s new, just like any process, put some standardized practices around it. I think we could increase securities around the electronic addition to applications.”

Increasing voter confidence

Sullivan said increasing voter confidence is an “utmost issue.” She said that work begins with increasing voter education. “It removes seeds of doubt from things that you have heard that could be myths

about the process in which you engage to vote,” said Sullivan. “The foundation of our country is free and fair elections and democracy is needed. The entire governmental process was put together in a way in which in my opinion the most important part of the process is the people’s voice. So, when we lose confidence to use our voice in the process through the ballot box, we jeopardize the foundation of how the entire government process was created to run.” Sullivan said this was one of the primary focuses of her “92-county listening tour” as the state’s chief elections officer. “Each county, each region has maybe a different concern or aspect depending quite honestly on the media market that you’re in and what shows they watch and things like that from other states,” said Sullivan. “So I feel increasing knowledge, which we will do, is part of not only turning out the vote but also voter confidence.” Sullivan said she was concerned that in Georgia, for example, voters stayed home after they lost confidence in the wake of the 2020 elections. “We don’t want to replicate anything like that in the state of Indiana,” said Sullivan. “I don’t think that we will because we have a very steady hand on the wheel as far as election code and the legislature hasn’t knee-jerk reacted to anything pandemic-wise and we have had a strong foundation of election law. We just have to educate Hoosiers on what that is. And continuing the process of increasing the securities around a system of elections where people and equipment are involved.”

Redistricting


In the wake of the 2020 Census results, Indiana, like states around the country, has just completed its redistricting process. Sullivan said this was a “large, cumbersome legislative process” which “was shortened immensely.” “The impact on your local elections and your commissioners quite honestly is significant because they were up against some serious deadlines,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said there was less time than usual for local leaders to process the new lines, prepare for re-precincting “which is completely at a local level, not at the state legis-

lature level” and prepare their communities with communication about where their new lines were before they create the new ballot and open up voter registration. “My focus as Secretary of State is to continue to help create tools to help our local elections office handle such a small time frame for that crunch,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said they created software to help local officials to do that work electronically, as opposed to the paper-driven process it had been before. “That’s how I can help assist in the redistricting process,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said the legislature’s maps formed this year were “very diplomatic.” “They look good even compared to even where we were 10 years ago as far as like communities and things. I don’t know about the particular process if we need to change that. It worked. My focus is how tight the timeline was without getting the federal information in a timely manner,” said Sullivan.

Running for election

In March, Sullivan was appointed to the Secretary of State position by Gov. Eric Holcomb. Sullivan replaced outgoing Secretary of State Connie Lawson. On April 26, Sullivan announced her candidacy to seek election to a full term in office as Indiana Secretary of State at the upcoming Indiana Republican Party State Convention, scheduled for June 2022 in Indianapolis. Sullivan is an automotive engineer, small business owner, wife, and mother. Before taking office as Secretary of State in March, she served eight years as State Representative for northern Evansville and Newburgh. As the current Vice-Chair of the Indiana Republican Party, Sullivan “supports conservative causes and candidates across the state,” said Brian Gamache, of Sullivan’s campaign. “At the Statehouse, Sullivan built a legislative record of fighting and winning battles for Hoosiers, including passing funding for election cybersecurity improvements ahead of the 2020 elections. On the House Roads, Transportation, & Infrastructure Committee, she championed the successful passage of Indiana’s fully funded, 20-year infrastructure plan. Dedicated to protecting Hoosier tax dollars,

she served as chair of the key House Ways & Means Budget Subcommittee where she worked to pass another balanced budget in 2021,” said Gamache. Two days later, though, Sullivan acknowledged violating state political fundraising rules with the launch of her 2022 election campaign. Sullivan requested contributions as she announced her campaign five days earlier than allowed under changes to state law signed by Holcomb that day, according to the Associated Press. State law prohibits candidates for state offices from fundraising during the legislative sessions when the two-year state budget is drafted. Lawmakers extended their meeting deadline from the typical April 29 until November so they can return to approve new election districts. “The Committee to Elect Holli Sullivan has determined that it made an improper solicitation of campaign funds,” Sullivan’s campaign said in a statement. “These public solicitations have been removed and all contributions have been returned.” Sullivan said her campaign would be focused on continuing “to be a national leader in election security and integrity by continuing to increase voter confidence and knowledge of what Indiana uses as our elections process. “We’re going to continue to future fund securities around cybersecurity and certification of our equipment that we use,” said Sullivan. Sullivan said her campaign’s other focus is around the office’s business services division. She said the INBiz Indiana Business Registration portal was “where every business in the state of Indiana begins” “(We had) significant new business growth in the last year,” said Sullivan. “Most of them are entrepreneurial or very small business entities that have started at an exceptional rate in our state.” Sullivan said they would also work to correct supply chain issues between manufacturers and auto dealers in her office’s auto dealers division. Sullivan said they would also “spend time purposefully protecting Hoosiers” in their securities divisions with investment fraud education increase throughout the state. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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Obituaries

Nancy Carrol Jackson Jones

Sept. 21, 1937 – Dec. 4th, 2021

Nancy Carrol Jackson Jones, 84, passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the morning of Saturday Dec. 4, 2021. She was born to George and Theresa (Salkus) Jackson in Cambridge Massachu-
setts Sept. 21, 1937. She was raised in Timberlea, Nova Scotia, Canada with her 8 siblings.

Obituaries are both an awkward and difficult thing. How do you summarize the life of a person and what they mean to those they love? She was a devoted fol-
lower of Jesus, mother, and wife. She spent her life lov-
ing and caring for her fami-
ly. She was a woman whom God had given great creativ-
ity and talent. She loved mu-
sic and had a song for every phrase or occasion. She sang live on the radio when she lived in Canada. She was a poet, artist, seamstress, cos-
tume designer for her family and church, and she had a flair for interior decorating. She loved children and was actively involved in chil-
dren’s ministry at St. Mat-
thews and later at Wabash Friends Church. She leaves a legacy of love behind.

She married Thomas Charles Jones April 22, 1961 after a short three month courtship in Color-
ado Springs, CO. They were married for over 60 years and had two children: Sher-
ry (Eric) Schoening of Wa-
bash and Timothy (Katrina) Jones of Somerset. She leaves behind her husband, children, 11 grandchildren: Austin (Crystal) Schoen-
ing of Solon Iowa; Dwayne (Andria) Jones of Wabash; Sierra (Brendan Tay) Schoe-
ning of Brooklyn, New York; Kaci (Jake) Donald-
son of Wabash; Nichole (Sam) Figert of Wabash; Marshall (Kelsey) Schoen-



ing of Nashville, TN; Faith (Korey) Fells of Los Ange-
les, CA; Larry Chain of Wa-
bash; Kayla Chain of Indi-
anapolis; Grace Schoening of Muncie; Hope Schoening of Wabash. She also leaves 8 great-grandchildren: Sha-
ilynn Harrison, Kyler New-
port , Gage Figert, Zaidyn Jones, Addilyn Jones, Jace Donaldson, and Noelle Donaldson all of Wabash; Joachim Fells of LA. She also leaves her sister Mar-
garet Ford in Halifax, Nova Scotia, sister Joyce Huy-
ck-McNulty in Abilene, TX; brother James Jackson in Colorado Springs, CO and sister Loretta Schmidt in Colorado Springs, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her broth-
er Richard Jackson, sister Patsy Ford, brother Charles Jackson, sister Mabel Oliver, and a baby sister Debo-
rah Jackson.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m., Dec. 18, 2021 at the Wabash Friends Church, with David Phillips officiating. Family will re-
ceive friends from 12-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021 at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Fu-
neral Service, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Nancy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Lora Lee McCleese

March 18, 1948 – Dec. 4, 2021

Lora Lee McCleese, 73, of Hindman, Kentucky died, holding both her daughter’s hands, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at her daugh-
ter’s home in Hixson, Ten-
nessee. She was born Lora Lee Dials on March 18, 1948, in Floyd County, Ken-
tucky, to Oliver and Lizzie (Thornsbury) Dials who pre-
ceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband Harold McCleese, and her sister, Edna Louise Parson.

She is survived by the fa-
ther of her children, Edward Hornung, her two daugh-
ters, Theresa (D.J.) Calla-
han of Wooton, Kentucky, and Christina (Nate) Law-
yer of Hixson, Tennessee, six grandchildren, Charlene Griffin of Mishawaka, In-
diana, Anthony Griffin of Roann, Indiana, Connor Wicker and Kayla Wicker, both of Wooton, Cody Lawyer of Birmingham, Alabama, and Christopher Brown of Fort Wayne, In-
diana, great-granddaughter, Anaya Griffin of Roann, and two brothers, Ken (Ginny) Dials of Merom, Indiana, and Bill (Joyce) Dials of Ox-
ford, Alabama.

Lora was a 1966 graduate of Wabash High School and a graduate of the Craig Luth-
ie School of Hair Design. In her lifetime, Lora had several careers, she owned her own hair and electrolysis salon, worked at Stone Industrial, United Technologies, and CMI. The career that made



her the proudest was serving as a caregiver for the elder-
ly. In this role, her love and compassion touched the lives of many families. She was a member of Christian Heri-
tage Church in Wabash. She adored her two daughters, grandkids, nieces, and neph-
ews, and enjoyed spending time with them. She had an appetite for food, and loved tacos, popcorn and Pepsi. Lora loved without judge-
ment, forgave easily, and was happiest helping others.

Friends may call 3-7 p.m., Friday, at Grandstaff-Hent-
gen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wa-
bash. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at Christian Heri-
tage Church, 2776 River Road, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Lora may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Rosemary Ruth (Hoover) Butler

Rosemary Ruth (Hoover) Butler
At the age of 96, our be-
loved mom, grandma, great grandma, and dear friend of anyone who was fortunate enough to have made her ac-
quaintance, left this world on Nov. 28.

The loving memory of Rosemary Butler will be for-
ever cherished by her sons

David (Joyce); and Daniel (Debra); five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchil-
dren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Den-
nis; her parents, and sister, Adele (Price).

A celebration of life will be held for both Rosie and Denny together on March 5 at Manchester Church of the Brethren.

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Larry Wayne Ross

Dec. 28, 1950 – Dec. 1, 2021

Larry Wayne Ross, 70, of Lagro, Indiana, died at 3:48 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at his home. He was born on Dec. 28, 1950, in Wabash, Indiana, to William Ross and Nondus (Dunn) Walls.

Larry was a US Army vet-
eran. He married Mary Les-
ter in Urbana on November 19, 1974. He retired from Clarks Auto Salvage in Hun-
tington, Indiana, and also worked Simmons Equipment in Columbia City and Wa-
bash Alloys. Larry enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle, traveling, eat-
ing, especially barbecue, and loved his grandsons.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ross of Lagro, three children, Larry L. Ross of Lagro, Gypsy R. Shelton of LaFontaine, and Daniel J. “D.J.” Ross of Wabash, two grandsons, Isaiah (Katelyn) Shelton of LaFontaine, and Kalob Ross of Hunting-
ton, great-grandson, Xavier Shelton of LaFontaine, and brothers and sisters, Marilyn Lester of North Manchester, Deborah Sills of Coldwater, Michigan, Patty Walls of Ur-
bana, Illinois, Barb (Dave) Yearger of Peru, Ronnie Walls of Lagro, Vicki (Kev-
in) Clark of Waynesville, Ohio, Denny (Laura) Ross



of Tucson, Arizona, Lindy (Reza) Bahariou of Mel-
bourne, Florida, Dixie Ross of Tucson, Arizona, Chris Ross of Corpus Christi, Tex-
as, Roxanne (Thomas) Skeen of Forsyth, Georgia, Mary Ross and Shelly (Michael) Lake, both of Andrews, San-
dra (Chris) Howell of Pitts-
ford, Michigan, and Scott Ross of Melbourne, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Stan Walls and Jeffrey Ross, and two sisters, Cynthia Ross and April Bou.

Per Larry’s request, there will be no services. Arrange-
ments by Grandstaff-Hent-
gen Funeral Service, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Larry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Brian Marshall Ray

Nov. 10, 1957 – Dec. 6, 2021

Brian Marshall Ray, 64, of Wabash, In-
diana, died at 7:56 a.m., Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Wabash. He was born on Nov. 10, 1957, in Wabash, to Robert M. and Esther Bonita (Sellers) Ray.

Brian was a graduate of Wabash High School and re-
ceived his bachelors degree from Indiana Wesleyan Uni-
versity. He married Teresa (Millican) Tyler on August 20, 2008 in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. He worked at Paperwoks Industries in Wabash 45 years. Brian was a member of the Wabash Friends Church. He enjoyed playing the guitar, playing and listening to blues mu-
sic, and especially loved his family.

He is survived by his wife,



Teresa Ray of Wa-
bash, six sons, Shane Ray and Westley Ray, both of Wabash, Jus-
tin (Maegan) Ray of Logansport, Indiana, Derrick (Erica) Fields and Devin (Jamie) Fields, both of Wabash, and Doug-
las (Kim) Tyler of Andrews, Indiana, and 22 grandchil-
dren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Robert M. Ray, Jr.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Man-
chester Avenue, Wabash, with Brandon Eaton offici-
ating. Friends may call 2-5 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Brian may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Kim Charles Clark

Kim Charles Clark, 70, went to be with his Lord on Nov. 25, 2021 at his home in Indianapolis, Indiana. Kim was the owner/operator of Clark’s Finer Food and Clark’s Cafeteria in Wabash, and expanded into real estate development and management with Clarkland Properties. He was an artist, musician, and family man. He was preceded in death by his father Kenneth LaMoine Clark and mother Esther Juanita Malott. He is survived by his wife Margie (Magner) Clark, his son Ian, and daughter Lindsay (Frank



Nguyenloc), and his three grandchildren Olivia, Max, and William Clark. For the full obituary, visit flannerbuchanan.com.

Kim’s celebration of life will take place at Flanner & Buchanan, Carmel, on Dec. 17 from 4-7 p.m. His me-
morial service will be held at Church at the Crossing on 9111 Haverstick Road, In-
dianapolis on Dec. 18at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, we know Kim would value the impact of donations to The Honeywell Foundation, 275 West Market Street, Wa-
bash, IN 46992.

Dottie Teeter

Dottie Teeter, 74, North Manchester, passed away on Dec. 5, 2021.

Dottie will be remembered by her husband, William L. Teeter; son, Charles Tee-
ter; daughter, Aggie (Chris) Schuman; sister, Becky (Gary) Krotke; three grand-
children and five great-grand-

children. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and three sisters.

Calling is Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 from 1-2 p.m., at McK-
ee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will start at the conclusion of call-
ing.

LJSA

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This unprecedented pow-
er grab is astonishingly out of touch with the hard-
working Hoosiers who feed, fuel, and power our nation. It vastly expands entitlement programs, pro-
motes ‘welfare without work,’ punishes American job creators with burden-
some taxes, weaponizes the IRS to target families and small businesses, and en-
courages taxpayer funding for abortion – all while giv-
ing tax breaks to wealthy blue states. Alarming-
ly, this legislation would de-
cimate parents’ rights by dictating where their kids learn and who can provide child care – purposeful-
ly excluding faith-based options in an attack on Americans’ religious free-
dom,” said Walorski. “The Democrats’ tax and spend scam is the perfect recipe for disaster, as American workers are incentivized to stay home and job creators are incentivized to ship good jobs overseas. This is economic surrender to

our enemies. And, the most terrifying part of this scam is that President Biden and the Democrats are willing to unabashedly lie to the American people about its cost as they double down on their radical agenda that Americans don’t want and can’t afford. Our nation is watching, and the Ameri-
can people deserve far bet-
ter.”

On Friday, Walorski’s press secretary Emma Thompson said because the LJSA didn’t receive a separate vote, Walorski didn’t have any separate comment. When asked if Walorski would vote for the LJSA if it had received a separate vote, Thompson did not respond as of press time.

The bill now heads to the Senate for revisions be-
fore it is passed back to the House of Representatives. Neither Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, or Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, returned requests for comment as of press time.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainealer.com.

DOLE

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Dole died Sunday at the age of 98. He was a leader known for his caustic wit, which he often turned on himself but didn’t hesitate to turn on others, too. He shaped tax and foreign pol-
icy and worked vigorously to help the disabled, en-
shrining protections against discrimination in employ-
ment, education and public services in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“One of the greats of the Greatest Generation, cou-
rageous in war, humble and civil in peace, Sen. Bob Dole believed in the American people, our sys-
tem, and our way of life. He spent a lifetime work-
ing through institutions to serve others, especially his fellow veterans. His life should remind us all that common decency and pub-
lic virtue is not a hindrance to political success. May the peace be with Mr. Dole’s family, and may Bob Dole – an authentic Ameri-
can Hero – forever rest in peace,” said Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana.

On Monday, Gov. Eric Holcomb directed flags to be flown at half-staff to honor of Dole. Flags should be flown at half-staff at the immediately until sunset on Thursday. Holcomb also asked businesses and resi-
dents to lower their flags to half-staff.

“As a soldier, leader, and great American, former Senator Bob Dole demonstrated courage, commitment, and sacrifice throughout his amazing life. Today our nation lost an exemplary model of patriotism and public ser-
vice. My prayers are with his family and loved ones,” said Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana.

Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indi-
ana, did not return a request for comment as of press time.

The U.S. Capitol has been considered the most suit-

able place for the nation to pay final tribute to its most eminent citizens by having their remains lie in state. The commemoration will include a formal arrival and departure ceremony.

“Senator Dole was an extraordinary patriot, who devoted his entire life to serving our nation with dignity and integrity,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Dole, representing Kan-
sas, served four terms in the House and more than four terms in the Senate. He won the Republican nomination in 1996, but was defeated when Pres-
ident Bill Clinton won a second term. He was also 1976 GOP vice presiden-
tial candidate on the losing ticket with President Ger-
ald Ford.

“Those of us who were lucky to know Bob well ourselves admired him even more,” said Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader in the Senate. “A bright light of patriotic good cheer burned all the way from Bob’s teenage combat heroics through his whole career in Washington and through the years since. We look forward to honoring his life and legacy at the Capitol.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he didn’t get to serve with Dole, but “his reputa-
tion and his achievements, and most of all his charac-
ter preceded him.”

Dole received two Pur-
ple Hearts for his valor in World War II. Through-
out his political career, he carried the mark of war. Charging a German po-
sition in northern Italy in 1945, Dole was hit by a shell fragment that crushed two vertebrae and par-
alyzed his arms and legs. The young Army platoon leader spent three years re-
covering in a hospital and never regained use of his right hand.

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IN BRIEF

Meyer a new member of the American Angus Association

Mason Meyer, of North Manchester, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, according to CEO Mark McCully. Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conduct-

ed by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events. The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members. The national organization has headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri. For more information, visit NJAA.info.

PULSE

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Salamonie ‘Twins Among the Trees’ Forest School

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from November 2021 through April 2022 at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Dec. 8, 2021; Jan. 5, 2022; Feb. 2, 2022; March 2, 2020; and April 20, 2022. Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

American Red Cross schedules local blood donation opportunities

The American Red Cross has scheduled several local blood donation opportunities including from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 Mill St.; and from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Also, a special blood drive has been planned in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, a North Manchester boy who has been fighting cancer. This dedicated blood drive will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. To schedule an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).

Hoosier Shakespeare Festival presents Dickens’ ‘A Christmas Carol’

Hoosier Shakespeare Festival presents “A Christmas Carol,” the classic story by Charles Dickens from Thursday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 12, in the Fellowship Hall in Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$18. Discounts are available for seniors, military and groups of 10 or more. Email info@hoosiershakes.com for a discount code. Tickets may be purchased by visiting <https://811-briarwood-ln.ticketleap.com> or at the door at 100 S. Washington St. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance. “A Christmas Carol” has a run time of 90 minutes including one 15-minute intermission. For more information, visit hoosiershakes.com.

WACT’s schedules ‘dinnertainment’ auditions

The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will put on another “dinnertainment” production around the Valentine’s Day holiday. Under the direction of WACT veteran Angelina Funk, WACT will share “I Hate Shakespeare!” from Feb. 11 to 13, 2022 at the Charley Creek Inn, 111 W. Market St. This will include not only a show but also a chef-prepared meal. Rehearsals would start Monday through Thursday, with Fridays being possible on Jan. 17, 2022. Auditions will be at the WACTory from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11; and callbacks will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sun-

day, Dec. 12. For more information, email agjung78@gmail.com. Tickets for this show will be on sale in January.

MU Music Department offers holiday concert

A holiday concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 in Cordier Auditorium on MU’s North Manchester campus. The concert will feature the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo and Chamber Singers. The jazz groups are under the direction of Scott Humphries, director of bands and music education. The groups will perform standard jazz repertoire, holiday songs and traditional carols. There is no cost for admission. The concert will also be live-streamed on Manchester University’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv. Masks are required indoors.

Woman’s Clubhouse to host December luncheon

Wabash Musicale will present its annual program of music at the Woman’s Clubhouse for the Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 770 W. Hill St., hosted by the Clubhouse Board. Make your reservations by Friday, Dec. 10 by calling Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613 or Jody LaSalle at 619-990-7088.

NMCH presents second annual ‘Market @ the Museum’ event

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) has begun its second annual “Market @ the Museum” event, taking place through Saturday, Dec. 11 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. The “Market @ the Museum” is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater’s Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

Retirement open house for MSD bus driver Judy Decker has been planned

In celebration of retiring MSD bus driver Judy Decker’s 47 years of service, a

MPO presents ‘Holiday Pops’ concert

Special guest performer is tenor Steve Amerson, an alumnus of Taylor University

STAFF REPORT

The Marion Philharmonic Orchestra will hold the third concert of its 52nd Season, “Holiday Pops,” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Rediger Chapel and Auditorium at Taylor University in Upland, accord-

ing to executive director Joy Frecker. Doors will open at 7 p.m. “This is a kid-friendly concert and an evening of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy,” said Frecker. The special guest performer is tenor Steve Amerson, who is an alumnus of Taylor

St., North Manchester, IN 46962; Autumn Ridge Rehabilitations Centre (which has 51 residents); 600 Washington St., Wabash IN 46992; Vernon Manor (which has 60 residents), 1955 Vernon St., Wabash IN 46992; Rolling Meadows Lafontaine (which has 81 residents), 604 Renaker St., Lafontaine, IN 46940; and Timbercrest Senior Living Community (which has 100 manor residents, 16 Crestwood residents and 50 health care residents), 2201 East St., North Manchester, IN 46962. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/820111048789504>.

Grow Wabash County gift checks spark shopping local

Grow Wabash County gift checks (formerly known as Chamber Gift Checks before 2017) are gift certificates that can be redeemed at any business or organization that is a current Grow Wabash County investor. Since gift checks can only be spent at Grow Wabash County investors, businesses that are not currently members that would like to participate in this year’s program may call 260-563-5258 or visit www.growwabashcounty.com/invest. For a full list of Grow Wabash County investors, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/investors. Grow Wabash County also offers a list of retail stores, restaurants and other GWC investors where gift checks are most commonly used. That list can be found at www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecklist. Businesses that are not currently Grow Wabash County investors should not be accepting gift checks from customers. Gift checks may be purchased by emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258. Gift checks must be paid upfront with cash or check, credit or debit card payments are not accepted for gift check orders. The last day to order gift checks will be Monday, Dec. 20 and gift check orders may be picked up no later than Wednesday, Dec. 22. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecks.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge

University. Selections chosen for this program include traditional holiday favorites such as, “We Need a Little Christmas,” “Winter Wonderland” and Silent Night,” as sung by Amerson. Other selections include, “Hanukkah Festival Overture,” “Sleigh Ride” and “Christmas Festival.” Ticket prices for this concert are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors who are 65 years

old and older, \$10 for students 13 years old and older and free admission for children ages 12 and under. Pre-ordered tickets will be placed in Will Call to be picked up at the door on the day of the concert. Tickets may be purchased at the door, by visiting www.mpomaron.org, calling 765-662-0012, emailing mpomaron@gmail.com or by mail at P.O. Box 272.

restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the participating restaurants. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85.

Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4, 2022. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash-plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Use complete sentences, AP style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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MANCHESTER JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATS NORTHFIELD 18-12 ON SATURDAY



Manchester sophomore Kim Schroll, no. 44, drives against the Lady Norse's Jaycie Krom, no. 33, during junior varsity action Saturday evening at MHS.

MANCHESTER VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATED BY NORTHFIELD 34-41 ON SATURDAY



Northfield's Addy Rosen drives the baseline on Saturday evening as she leads the Lady Norse past host Manchester.

Second-half surge sends Spartans women's basketball to fifth straight win

MU will have the next week off before their next game Saturday, Dec. 11

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's basketball team won its fifth straight game on Saturday afternoon following a 67-49 victory at Earlham College.

The Spartans scored 47 points in the third and fourth quarters. Manchester outscored the Quakers 47-25 over the game's final two periods on Saturday.

Leading the second-half surge for Manchester was senior Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School. Bieghler led all scorers on Saturday with a career-high



Provided photo

The Spartans scored 47 points in the third and fourth quarters. Manchester outscored the Quakers 47-25 over the game's final two periods on Saturday.

21 points. Bieghler shot four out of nine from the field and was a perfect three out of three from beyond the three-point arc. Bieghler also finished 10-12 at the free-throw line and added eight rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Joining Bieghler in double figures were fellow seniors

Macy Miller, from Hometown and Carroll High School, and Bridget Nash, from Carmel and Bishop Chatard High School. Miller posted her third career double-double with 16 points and a career-high 13 rebounds. Miller also blocked a pair of shots. Nash added 11 points in the win over the

Quakers.

Earlham was held to 32.7 percent (18-55) shooting by the Manchester defense. The Spartans also forced Earlham into 20 turnovers over the afternoon. The Black and Gold also out-rebounded Earlham 39-25.

The Black and Gold once again came up clutch at the free-throw line in the win. Manchester finished 27-37 (73 percent) and was a plus-17 at the charity stripe.

The Spartans (5-1, 2-0 HCAC) won for the fifth consecutive outing and will have a week off before welcoming Franklin College to Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday, Dec. 11. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Earlham (0-6, 0-1 HCAC) will host Rose-Hulman at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, filled the stat sheet in a pair of Manchester victories last week, averaging 18 points per game, seven rebounds per game, five assists per game and five steals per game.

Manchester's Bieghler named HCAC Basketball Player of the Week

She filled the stat sheet in a pair of Spartan victories last week

By DILLON BENDER

Helping Manchester to its best start in 15 years, senior women's basketball guard Miranda Bieghler has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Player of the Week, the league announced on Monday, Dec. 6.

Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, filled the stat sheet in a pair of Manchester victories last week, averaging 18 points per game, seven rebounds per game, five assists per game and five steals per game.

On Wednesday evening, Bieghler scored 15 points while adding six rebounds, five assists and five steals in a 68-58 win over Defiance.

She knocked down three three-pointers as the Spartans overcame a double-digit deficit to defeat the Yellow Jackets.

On Saturday, Bieghler poured in a career-high 21 points while adding eight rebounds, five assists and five steals in the Black and Gold's 67-49 win at Earlham College. Bieghler went a perfect three-for-three from three-point territory and was 10-12 at the free-throw line as Manchester once again overcame a double-digit deficit. More impressively, Bieghler played the entirety of both contests last week.

On the season, Bieghler is averaging 14.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 4.2 spg, and 3.2 apg.

The Spartans have won five consecutive games and stand 5-1, 2-0 HCAC on the season. The Black and Gold will host Franklin College on Saturday, Dec. 11 in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena with tip-off coming at 1 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Late push at Earlham gets Manchester men's basketball back into the win column

The Spartans' next opponent, Franklin College, will visit on Saturday, Dec. 11

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester men's basketball team used a late 17-9 push over the game's final five minutes to earn a gritty 75-71 win at Earlham College on Saturday afternoon.

First-year guard Ty Lynas, from Crawfordsville, scored five points at the beginning of the late run that helped the Spartans retake the lead for good in Saturday's game. CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Griffith High School, and Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, also made tough, contested baskets in the paint during



Provided photo

First-year guard Ty Lynas, from Crawfordsville, scored five points at the beginning of the late run that helped the Spartans retake the lead for good in Saturday's game.

Manchester's late surge.

Christlieb led all scorers with a career-best 28 points – 17 of which he scored in the first half. Christlieb shot 11-23 from the field and added four rebounds. Lynas scored a career-high 13 points in just 10 minutes off the bench. Lynas finished five out of six from the field.

Both CJ Hampton and Ian Snelling, from Erlanger, Kentucky, and Dixie Heights High School, scored in double figures for the Black and Gold. Hampton once again filled the stat sheet with 13 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals while Snelling contributed 10 points and

eight rebounds in the winning effort.

The Spartans shot 41.5 percent (27-65) in Saturday's win while out-rebounding the Quakers 41-29.

Earlham shot 42.6 percent (26-61) but was limited to just 22.7 percent (5-22) shooting from three-point territory.

Manchester (2-6, 1-1 HCAC) picked up its first Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) win on Saturday. The Black and Gold will have a week to prepare for its next opponent – Franklin College – who will visit Stauffer-Wolfe Arena at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

Earlham College (1-4, 0-1 HCAC) will travel at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 for a match-up against the Fightin' Engineers.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Husband’s little secret revealed after 30 years

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 41 years, married for 30, but we lived together for five years before we tied the knot. I have just learned he has a son who is two months younger than our son. The

mother is a woman he slept with while I was pregnant with our first child. She put the baby up for adoption, and the young man

has just reached out to my daughter. My husband claims he didn’t find out about the child until after he was relinquished, and he didn’t believe the wom-an ever really gave birth.

I am devastated. I feel like my entire marriage to him has been a lie. He says after we were married 31 years ago, he never cheated on me, and I should move past it. What do you think I should do? – Unable To Let It Go

DEAR UNABLE: You have my sympathy. I agree with your husband that you need to move past this, but that doesn’t mean you should forget it. Solid marriages are based on trust, and yours has understandably been shattered.

If his behavior since your wedding has been as ex-emplary as he claims, you should be able to review his financial records and see where the marital as-sets have been going. He should also be willing to discuss this in the office of a licensed marriage and family therapist. If he is unwilling to do this, it is another red flag, and you should consider consulting a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been Christian all my life. When I married my husband 22 years ago, he was too. We raised our kids in the same faith. Well, he has recently decided he will no longer practice Christianity. I never would have married someone outside my faith. How do I continue in this marriage? – Faithful In Oregon

DEAR FAITHFUL: I am sure this has been upsetting for you, and you have my sympathy. I would hope that your husband’s recent change of mind is something you have discussed with him, because he may have his reasons for it. Because of your own deep religious beliefs, this may be something to discuss with your religious adviser. Some couples in these circumstances adopt a “live and let live” attitude, which means you follow your Christian path and allow your husband to follow his.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law emailed me Christmas lists for my niece and nephew. Abby, I didn’t ask for them, nor did I request gift ideas for her children. In fact, I haven’t seen my sister-in-law in more than six months. Of course I will be giving gifts to both my nephew and niece, but I think it was awfully presumptuous of her to just send a link via email. How can I respond to this in the future? Should I just let it go? Am I wrong in thinking that it was poor etiquette on her part? – Dumbfounded In Florida

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED: Your sister-in-law may have been trying to be helpful, but I agree that what she did was presumptuous. Handle it by sending gifts of your own choosing to your niece and nephew. If you receive any more links of that nature in the future, do the same thing.

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Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Cave dweller
- 4 Ginnie or Fannie
- 7 Carpet thickness
- 11 Powdery residue
- 12 She, in Paris
- 14 Siberian river
- 15 Maude portrayer
- 16 Intentions
- 17 Light browns
- 18 Rocket problem
- 20 Sea animal
- 22 Storage container
- 23 Canine comment
- 24 Loosen
- 27 Good-looker
- 30 Lows
- 31 Opposing forces
- 32 Pen part
- 34 Golf tee
- 35 Stripe
- 36 Luigi’s farewell
- 37 Defeated ones
- 39 Very very

- 40 Permit
- 41 X-ray kin
- 42 Priest’s domain
- 45 Orchestra member
- 49 Exiled Roman poet
- 50 Island off Italy
- 52 Coral island
- 53 Cowboy — Autry
- 54 Shower, maybe
- 55 Mind reading
- 56 Assns.
- 57 Pamplona shout
- 58 Joey or Kiki

DOWN

- 1 Pamper
- 2 On the ocean
- 3 Melt
- 4 Stinker
- 5 Even up
- 6 Horror flick street
- 7 Defer (2 wds.)
- 8 Big rug exporter
- 9 Sp. or Ger.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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DRY	NINA	ALDA
ELOPED	GUTTER	
LYRES	RED	
	STROLL	OWE
LEAK	ODE	EWES
ORLY	SON	ANTS
TRI	ZEROES	
	GOO	BEIGE
MONROE	OBLONG	
ELIA	TAXI	TOY
WENT	AMEN	AMP
LOGE	TANG	SET

- 10 End of a threat
- 13 Made a try
- 19 Long-legged wader
- 21 Veep’s boss
- 24 Sports off.
- 25 Eggnog time
- 26 Fast food order (2 wds.)
- 27 Time beyond measure
- 28 College credit street
- 29 Dishonest one
- 31 More distant
- 33 Jungle crusher
- 35 Hive occupants
- 36 Muse of history
- 38 Downward trends
- 39 Polished
- 41 Exxon mergee
- 42 Comic swamp critter
- 43 State definitely
- 44 Onion goody
- 46 Overshot the puck
- 47 Info request encl.
- 48 Variety
- 51 Mekong native

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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UEQNE
CENRHD
RUYPIF

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

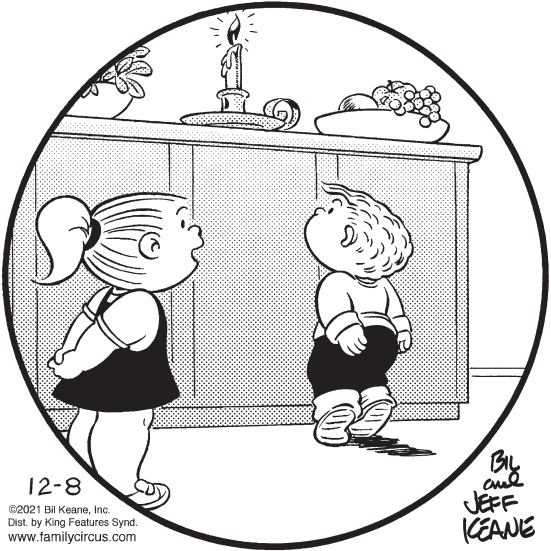
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(Answers tomorrow)

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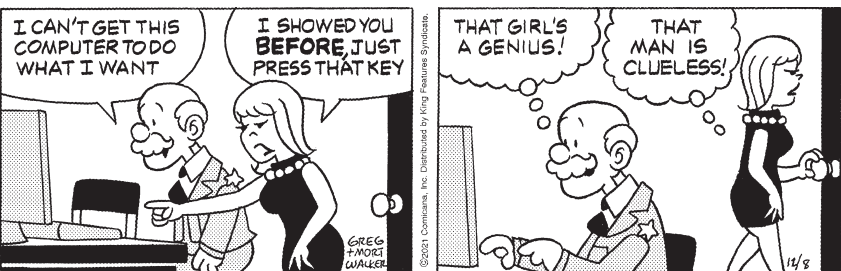
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By Bil Keane

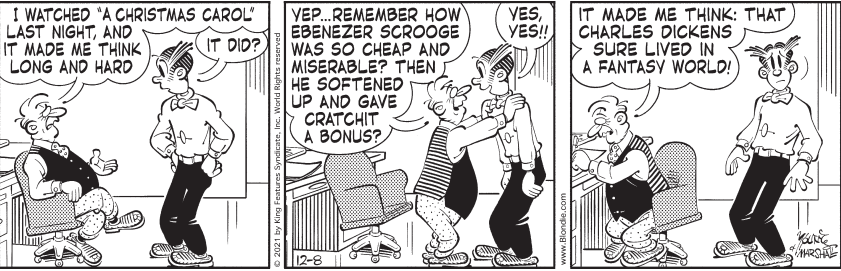


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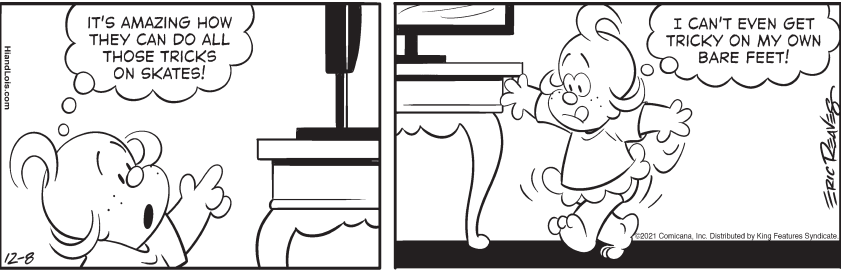
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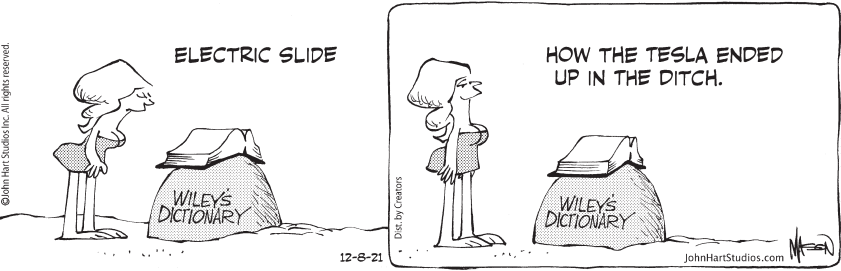
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PICKLES



God’s love did not begin at creation

Q: Did God’s love begin when He sent Jesus into the world? – L.B.

A: God’s love did not begin at creation, at the manger, or at the cross; God’s love began in eternity past. Before the world was established, before the time clock of civilization began to move, God’s love prevailed.

But not until the Good News of Jesus Christ burst onto the human scene was the word “love” understood on Earth with such depth, as God coming down to us in human form, an expression of unmerited love. Popular songs constantly talk about love, yet divorce rates continue to skyrocket.

Years ago, a pop duo sang a song that insisted they wouldn’t live in “a world without love.” Yet love came

down from Heaven to the whole world, and the world rejected Him. It was God’s love that knew mankind was incapable of obeying His law and loving Him. So in love He promised a Redeemer, a Savior, who would give true love away. Speak about the love of God and faces light up, but speak of God as a judge, and attitudes change.

There is one thing that God’s love cannot do; it cannot forgive the unrepentant sinner. For this reason, God sends things into our lives to block the route to

destruction, with holy desire to drive us back to His love. The seventeenth-century scientist Blaise Pascal said, “If eternal damnation is possible, no sacrifice is too great to prevent that possibility from becoming a reality.” The love of God that reaches man can be entirely rejected. We can also choose to accept God’s love by faith and receive His forgiveness. No one can do this for us. It is a decision for every individual soul. We can love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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FAYXSO. ” — OKEGXF A’PAEEAS

Previous Solution: “I have this word for much of what I do in life: ‘plorking.’ I’m not playing and I’m not working, I’m plorking.” — Jeff Bridges

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

— Proverbs 3:3-4

EDITORIAL

GOP has twisted priorities for keeping schools safe

Which is the bigger threat to America's children: A. The knowledge that goes into their heads at school, or B. The bullets that are being blasted into their bodies?

Any rational person would answer B, but try telling that to the Republican Party's leadership.

The GOP has decided that censoring comprehensive discussions on our nation's history is the way to shield our children from harm, not addressing the proliferation of guns and the accompanying rise in school shootings.

In Republicans' demented version of logic, critical race theory is a red-alert danger, even though most of them can't define it and it's taught in practically no public schools. What the GOP really objects to when it whines about CRT is teaching honestly about anything but a sanitized, white-dominated history — some of them even paint slavery as a positive while others don't want it discussed at all. The GOP's whitewashing of history reminds us of the Chinese government, which will put people in prison for discussing Tiananmen Square.

While going all-in to censor history, the GOP fiercely resists any responsible effort to inhibit the explosion in gun ownership that has flooded the nation with some 400 million firearms in civilian hands.

Meanwhile, let's check the body count of American children:

- History lessons: 0 victims
- Guns: An average of 864 American children ages 1 to 17 die in gun-inflicted

homicides annually, according to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. That's more than two per day, shot dead. Another 662 die in gun-inflicted suicides, on average, and a total of nearly 8,000 are shot.

When it comes to discovering the extent to which institutionalized racism played a role in our country's history and continues to resonate today, children might be shocked, hurt, disappointed, ashamed or deeply saddened. Or they might be inspired by our progress of brave people trying to make a better America, and hope to emulate that. They might realize we can all learn from others' experiences and work together to redress wrongs. But no matter how they react, they remain alive to process the information, and the lessons they learn — whether painful or inspiring — equip them with the knowledge they need to be better Americans.

On the contrary, what lessons are they learning about guns in our society? For one, shootings are a constant threat, so much so that an entire generation of American children grew up participating in active-shooter drills at school. And thanks to the Republican Party, children are learning that national lawmakers won't protect them. Congress has done virtually nothing in our children's lifetimes to improve gun safety in America, and many states have gone the opposite direction by weakening or eliminating regulations on gun purchasing, concealed carry, etc.

In the aftermath of the most recent school shooting — four

dead, seven injured at Oxford High School in Michigan — Republicans have offered their typical reaction, blaming a culture of desensitization, violent movies and video games, failure of the mental health system, and so on.

But as for an obvious threat — that there are too many guns in the hands of too many people who shouldn't have them — the GOP treats any reasonable reform as a slippery slope to complete dismantlement of the Second Amendment. As one Republican lawmaker from Michigan said after the Oxford shooting, "If we get obsessed with eliminating all risks, we will then develop and evolve into a country that we won't recognize. Because we'll also have no freedoms." Hogwash.

This is the same argument the GOP has used against reasonable regulations such as universal background checks for weapons purchases, bans on assault-style rifles and high-capacity magazines, red-flag laws, even prohibitions on sales of armor-piercing bullets, bump stocks, untraceable ghost guns, and so on.

A party that wants to censor history for all students apparently to "protect the feelings" of a few kids who can't stand the truth while leaving the lives of all children at risk from guns is not a party that deserves to hold power at any level. It's protecting children from a phantom threat while permitting the actual one that is sending our children to emergency rooms and morgues on a daily basis.

This editorial was first published in the Las Vegas Sun.



Some more talk about inflation risks

Thanksgiving at my home was a delightful affair. We enjoyed a large family gathering, well-seasoned with old and new friends.

Nobody spoke of inflation, which is always a welcomed thing. In fact, my advice to anyone whose Thanksgiving table is despoiled by macroeconomics, is to establish hard fines for such talk next year. Still, there's no way to avoid noticing

a change in prices this season, and it is helpful to try to make some sense of the data.

A price increase is not inflation. We see them all the time, of if there is a natural disaster or some other irregularity that disrupts supply. Prices go up when people are willing to pay more, such as for flights during the holidays or Florida rentals during spring break. We are used to seeing these and making adjustments accordingly. However, this time is different in a few important ways.

First, we are seeing general price increases. We see them at the pump and the grocery and in wage increases for some types of workers. Second, these price increases are coming at the same time that the supply of money has increased substantially. Third, the labor force remains stubbornly lower than it should have been without the pandemic, which hints that it may actually cost more to produce and deliver goods and services. All told, this is a

combination that spells growing risk of longer-term price increases, but there's more to the story.

The price increases we now see are not themselves evidence of long-term inflationary pressure. Over the pandemic, household savings in the United States spiked. For two decades, the average savings rate hovered between 6 percent and 8 percent. During the pandemic it spiked to over 35 percent, and as recently as last spring was over 26 percent.

The pandemic caused most American families to cut spending on vacations, gasoline, new clothes, restaurants and the like. At the same time, the CARES Act rushed money into the hands of the unemployed and provided stimulus funds to working families and businesses. Over the past few months, families across the U.S. have been urgently spending that money. They've gone on vacation, visited restaurants and amusement parks, and bought RVs, boats and automobiles. The past few months have seen an unparalleled surge in demand for goods and services.

Businesses responded to this surge. U.S. manufacturing production hit an inflation-adjusted record in the summer of 2021, while imports of goods also hit a record level. The 'supply shortages' that so animated the media occurred at exactly the same time we had record goods available to sell.

This present price increases are driven almost wholly by exhausting pent-up demand. Certainly some

goods are hard to find, e.g. new cars. And, it is surely hard to find workers for many jobs; we're still making, importing and moving more goods than at any time in U.S. history. So, inflation concerns focus on whether this is a permanent or transient phenomenon.

There are still plumper-than-normal savings accounts, but spending patterns are returning to normal levels, more or less. So, the biggest source of excess money seems to be moderating. I've even noticed gasoline prices moderating by a quarter a gallon over the past week. That is highly unusual during a holiday season, and is too soon to be a consequence of releasing the national petroleum reserve.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday had plenty of discounts, though it is too soon to know if those prices were contained to the holiday weekend or are more seasonal. As I write this, there are several days of broad price declines for most commodities, including oil, natural gas, precious metals, row crops, and livestock. Home price growth has also moderated significantly, as has the stock market. Of course, this might just be due to the Federal Reserve indicating its increased concern about inflation. The only prices to rise this week were for interest rate futures, a signal of heightened expectations of a Fed policy move to tighten money supply in the coming weeks.

For many months, worry about inflation has involved one of two scenarios. The first is that we saw

an increase in inflation that is really just a one-time price increase. The second is that prices will increase, then increase again, and continue to grow for months or years.

If prices rise a bit, but just for a few weeks or months, we might end 2022 with price levels about where they would've been without the pandemic. In fact, if we look back over two years, the typical inflation rate is just under 3.0 percent, which remains historically low. But, if the current increase in prices gets built into labor contracts, new orders for equipment and buildings, then it will raise expectations of future inflation.

I believe the most likely scenario is that much of the current burst of inflation remains short term. I believe this because the horde of family savings caused by COVID will be depleted in the coming months, and I believe that the Federal Reserve will tighten interest rates in the first months of 2022. I also expect that the large Build it Back Better spending bill is no longer politically tenable. So, we will not be adding more fiscal fuel to inflation.

The most compelling evidence I have that longer-term inflation risks are low is that bond market activity does not indicate alarm. Markets for government and private bonds are the single most sensitive marker of inflation expectations. As long as the buyers and sellers of bonds continue to perceive the many ways in which today's inflation appears transitory, the remainder of us can rest easy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oppose Biden's misguided foreign policy on Ethiopia

I urge you to support:

The democratically elected government of Ethiopia and work towards an immediate withdrawal and disarmament of Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) forces, who initiated the conflict and continued their atrocities into the neighboring regions.

The demand for cessation of attacks against aid routes by the TPLF and re-purposing of aid trucks for their insurgency efforts.

Oppose:

The language of Rep. Tomasz P. Malinowski, D-New Jersey, on Ethiopia in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022. It is contrary to the central conclusions of the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN-OHCHR). This amendment ignores facts where the OHCHR did not find evidence to support the claim of genocide.

The language of Sen. Chris Coons, D-Deleware, on Ethiopia in S. 3075, the Senate FY 2022 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

Delisting Ethiopia from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) as this will impact thousands of lives.

Bethlehem Sene Fort Wayne

Our disabled veterans are grossly under-compensated

Since June 2009, our disabled veterans, their advocates and their family and friends have contacted Congress and various administrations

asking for fair and adequate compensation. So far there has not been significant action on this issue. The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) that they receive every year is not sufficient. Our government simply does not respond.

I am warning anyone and everyone who reads this. Once our young people become fully aware that if they should enlist in the armed forces and subsequently receive serious injuries or illnesses that they will spend the rest of their lives in near poverty our armed forces will disintegrate. It will happen very quickly and we will not be able to stop it.

Here is the raw data. In 2022, a totally disabled veteran with no dependents is compensated at the ridiculous rate of \$39,984.72 annually. The National Average Wage Index (NAWI) for 2020 was \$55,628.60 per annum and the median income for 2020 was \$67,521. The per capita GDP in 2020 was \$63,416, among the highest in the world. This rate of compensation to disabled veterans is deliberate and cruel especially considering that we live in the wealthiest nation that ever was.

They have been asking various Administrations and Congresses for fair compensation since the end of World War I in 1918. That was 103 years ago. Where is it?

This abuse must end now. Pay these broken former troops properly. This is a national disgrace. Tax the investment wealth of the investor class that received the most benefit from the protection afforded to them by our troops who are now broken and compensate disabled veterans fairly.

David Moffatt Columbia City

HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2021. There are 23 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Imperial Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1813, Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92, was first performed in Vienna, with Beethoven himself conducting.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

— The Associated Press

Two police dogs assigned to the ISP Peru Post

Smitty and Mack are the only police dogs currently assigned locally

STAFF REPORT

On Friday morning, 11 Indiana State Police (ISP) troopers and their K-9 partners hit the road after a graduation ceremony held at the ISP Indianapolis Post, according to public information officer Sgt. Tony Slocum.

With the addition of these graduating teams, it will increase the number of Indiana State Police patrol dogs to 36. The ISP also has six explosive detecting police dogs.

The graduating class underwent 12 weeks of intense training that certified the multidimensional K-9s in obedience, evidence search, area search, building search, tracking, aggression control and the detection of sever-



Pictured left to right are ISP Trooper Doug Weaver, K-9 Smitty, ISP Trooper Andrew Baldwin and K-9 Mack.

al different controlled substances.

Two troopers assigned to the ISP Peru Post graduated with their police dogs.

ISP Trooper Andrew Baldwin, a five-year member of the department, graduated with his K-9 partner, Mack, a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois German Shepherd mix.

ISP Trooper Doug Weaver, also a five-year veteran with the ISP, graduated with his police dog, Smitty, a 5-years-old and is also a Belgian Malinois German Shepherd mix.

Smitty and Mack are the only police dogs currently assigned to the ISP Peru Post.

Students invited to spend a day at the Ind. Senate

Applications being accepted for the 2022 Senate Page Program

STAFF REPORT

Through the full-day program, students in grades six through 12 can tour Indiana’s Statehouse, listen to debates and help staff with age-appropriate tasks. Students also have the opportunity to meet with their state senator, according to Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington.

“This is a great opportunity for young people in our state to get a closer look at how

government works in real-time, and I look forward to seeing interested students from our district at the Statehouse this legislative session,” said Zay.

The Senate Page Program will begin in January and run through early March.

“Positions fill quickly, so it is important to apply early,” said Zay.

Pages are scheduled to be at the Statehouse from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Groups serve together on Wednesdays.

For more information, visit www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program.

Partisan bickering could doom efforts to regulate social media companies

By DEAN DECHIARO
CQ-Roll Call (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Industry representatives are accusing Republicans and Democrats of attempting to intimidate social media companies ahead of next year’s midterm elections.

That comes as a brief period of bipartisan momentum behind legislative efforts to regulate companies like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter appears to have passed, with Republicans and Democrats reverting to partisan differences and bickering.

After the disclosure this fall of tens of thousands of internal documents by Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen, including those that showed the company knew its products were harming the mental and physical health of teenage users, lawmakers from both parties said the time had come for federal regulation.

Many of the proposals that

lawmakers considered took aim at Section 230, a provision of a 1996 law that protects social media companies from being sued for content posted on their platforms by third parties. The companies and the algorithms that power them had become too powerful to benefit from a liability shield like Section 230, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle argued.

But even trying to protect children online may not be enough for Democrats and Republicans to build a bipartisan bridge to amending the law.

At a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing last week, Republicans balked at Democratic bills that would carve out exceptions to Section 230’s protections for civil rights violations or cases in which algorithms suggest content that causes emotional or physical harm.

“I’m deeply troubled by the path before us,” said Washington Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, the top Republican on the full committee. “It’s calling for more censorship.”

McMorris Rodgers said the

bill in question would force social media companies into an impossible choice between risking a lawsuit or avoiding litigation by removing content that might violate the law.

“How does the bill define severe emotional injury? It doesn’t,” she said. “Clearly, companies will have to decide between leaving up content that may offend someone or fight it in court or censor content that reaches a user. Which do you think that they will choose?”

McMorris Rodgers was one of several Republicans who accused social media companies of allowing anti-conservative bias to color their content moderation decisions. The evidence that such bias exists is largely anecdotal, but it has still dictated the GOP approach to the Section 230 debate in recent years.

Democratic Rep. Mike Doyle of Pennsylvania, who chairs the Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee, noted similarities between the Democratic bill and draft legislation released by McMorris Rodgers and Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, in July.

No permit, no problem

More states allow residents to carry a hidden gun

By MATT VASILOGAMBROS
Stateline.org (TNS)

Six more states no longer require residents to hold a permit to carry a concealed firearm.

Arkansas, Iowa, Montana, Tennessee, Texas and Utah this year enacted what gun rights advocates often refer to as “constitutional carry” measures. A legislative priority for groups such as the National Rifle Association, 21 states now have such measures in place. Many of these states still have restrictions on possessing firearms in certain government buildings.

More states may be added to that list before the end of this legislative season. The Ohio House last month passed a bill along party lines that would eliminate a requirement for gun owners to take an eight-hour class and undergo a background check to carry a concealed firearm in public. It is now before the state Senate, which also is controlled by Republicans.

Wisconsin lawmakers also are debating a permitless carry bill.

Similar bills have passed in one legislative chamber in both Louisiana and South Carolina this year. Meanwhile, the U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether New York’s gun permitting system violates the Second Amendment – a case that could gut firearm permit provisions nationwide.

Permitless carry laws eliminate what proponents say is an onerous and time-consuming step for people who want to arm themselves for self-protection. When Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee signed his state’s permitless carry law earlier this year, the Republican tweeted that “it shouldn’t be hard for law-abiding Tennesseans to exercise their” Second Amendment rights.

Gun safety advocates and



A marksman sights a target during a class he was taking to qualify for an Illinois concealed carry permit on Feb. 14, 2014, in Posen, Illinois.

law enforcement agencies argue that having more people with concealed firearms in public places endangers communities and police officers.

“This is a dangerous step for states,” said Eugenio Weigend, director of the gun violence prevention program at the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank. “This could easily raise some confrontations in some places, further escalating violence to reach lethal levels.”

The debate over self-defense figured prominently in the recent trial of Kyle Rittenhouse, who was charged with homicide after he killed two people in the tumultuous aftermath of a police shooting in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 2020. A jury acquitted Rittenhouse last month, finding that his use of deadly force in the chaotic streets was legally justifiable. Prosecutors called him a dangerous vigilante.

In Georgia, Travis McMichael argued he was acting in self-defense when he shot and killed Ahmaud Arbery, an unarmed Black man who was jogging in McMichael’s neighborhood. McMichael was convicted of murder last month, along with his father and a neighbor. The three men pursued Arbery in a pickup truck.

Wisconsin’s permitless

carry bill, which received a public hearing in the state Senate in October, also would prohibit local governments from banning weapons on public transportation. It’s unclear when the legislation will get a vote, but gun rights advocates are confident it will pass.

Eliminating the permit requirement would be a welcome change for gun owners uneasy about being on a government list, said Nik Clark, president of Wisconsin Carry, a Milwaukee-based gun rights organization. It also would allow people who want a gun for self-protection to acquire one without having to wait through the permitting process, which Clark said is important in cases of domestic abuse or in situations such as the civil unrest of 2020.

“We have a human right to self-defense,” Clark said. “To say that you need permission from the government to do that is crazy. It’s anti-American.”

Gun rights advocates such as Clark have been pushing for a permitless carry law in Wisconsin for more than a decade. It never gained the support of key state legislative leaders or former Republican Gov. Scott Walker, who said in 2017 that licenses for concealed firearms were “appropriate.”

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Billions in tree funds could help cities prep for climate change

By ALEX BROWN
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Cleveland, once known as the Forest City, has lost about half of its tree canopy since the 1950s due to diseases, urban development and storms. In the neighborhoods where trees are gone, including many on the majority-Black east side of Cleveland, that loss has been keenly felt.

“If you look at an aerial map, these communities look dramatically different,” said Randy McShepard, a co-founder of the Rid-All Green Partnership, a group that leads urban agriculture projects in underserved neighborhoods of Cleveland. “It’s no surprise that those communities with less tree canopy have higher incidences of asthma, heat islands and stormwater flooding.”

McShepard’s group is part of the Cleveland Tree Coalition, a collaboration of public and private organizations that seeks to plant at least 360,000 trees over the course of a decade.

Cleveland is among a growing number of cities and states that have come to regard trees as essential infrastructure. At the same time, research is showing that communities of color and low-income neighborhoods have significantly less tree canopy than wealthier, white neighborhoods. Unshaded areas often suffer from an urban heat island effect, in which heat-absorbing asphalt can send temperatures soaring up to 10 degrees hotter than in surrounding neighborhoods.

Trees also help filter air pollution and absorb stormwater runoff. Those services are becoming even more essential as cli-



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A sign hangs on an ash tree to be removed soon near Winnemac Park in Chicago, April 29.

mate change increases the likelihood of extreme heat and severe weather events.

Programs such as the Cleveland Tree Coalition could get a big boost from the “Build Back Better” legislation currently being debated in Congress. The bill would provide \$2.5 billion to improve and maintain urban tree canopy, focused on underserved communities. The funding would massively scale up the U.S. Forest Service’s Urban and Community Forestry Program, which currently stands at \$40 million a year.

The program provides technical assistance, financial support and education to about 7,500 communities a year.

“With limited resources, there’s only so much work we can do,” said Beatra Wilson, who leads the Forest Service program. “With [Build Back Better funding], we can continue to drill into disadvantaged communities and provide confidence and trust that there can be sustained

improvement in urban forestry work for years to come.”

Island territories such as American Samoa, Wilson said, are particularly vulnerable to climate change and also rely on the federal money.

But the proposed funding increase has drawn backlash in recent weeks from some Republicans in Congress and conservative commentators. Opponents have used tweets, newspaper opinion pieces and cable news critiques to characterize the investment as wasteful Democratic spending to plant “non-racist trees” in liberal cities.

But even in red states, forestry leaders say urban tree canopy is an important issue for all their residents, and they’re already working to correct inequities. In Missouri, for example, state forestry officials have funded an arborist position at a St. Louis-area nonprofit to help underserved communities plant and maintain

trees.

Missouri State Forester Justine Gartner said the state uses its urban forestry funding from the Forest Service to support local partners, but the agency lacks the money to reach every community. Those programs, such as St. Louis-based Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, could grow if federal investment increases.

“The work is there; the need is there,” Gartner said. “Funding and staff have been our two biggest hurdles. If we can get communities to increase their urban canopy cover by even 1 percent or 2 percent, that has a profound effect on air quality and heat.”

The bill’s use of the phrase “tree equity,” a term championed by the conservation nonprofit organization American Forests, seems to have pulled the proposal into larger culture war battles about race and inequality. But forestry experts say the issue is not political.

Light in the darkness

There was a prevailing feeling of optimism as I stood outside the Supreme Court with the sun warming us on a brisk late fall day as oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, the Mississippi abortion case, were to be heard. For those of us who gather outside the Court every January to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* with sorrow, hope was palpable.

If *Roe* is overturned, that will not be the end of abortion in America, but states like Mississippi and Texas will all but ban it. The bad science of *Roe* was emphasized by the presence of over 100 doctors and other medical professionals outside the Court. If you were a speaker at the rally, as I was, the process of checking in included a receiving line of doctors in lab coats encouraging us to persevere. Doctors know the violent harm that abortion does to a woman and her child.

Some moments in the oral arguments were tremendously clarifying. Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked ghoulish questions, comparing the real activity and pain an unborn child demonstrates in utero to the jerking reflex of a cadaver. It was a creepy line of questioning, but I was a bit grateful for it nonetheless. Sotomayor thinks unborn babies are like dead people? What a dark view of life! But that’s what the culture of death does: It poisons our outlook on life in so many respects.

Shortly thereafter, one of the few men who spoke at the Empower Women, Promote Life rally outside the Court, Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi, held up a sonogram photo of his next grandchild, already clearly a part of his family. This is the reality of life. It is life in the womb – a developing human being, not some clump of inert cells.

Though, these days, sometimes the more radical abortion advocates don’t hide behind euphemisms. Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, has recently encountered protesters who explicitly say “F--- the baby,” but without the hyphens. But you don’t have encounter the boldest protester to see that sentiment. It was present during the oral arguments. As arguments were made against the Mississippi law that bans abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, we could hear what a defense of *Roe* really boils down to: the right to a dead baby.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett drew this out in asking twice about safe-haven laws, on the books in all 50 states. Safe-haven laws were introduced in the early 1990s, when we saw desperate stories of women who would abandon their just-delivered babies in dumpsters. The safe-haven laws allow for the drop-off of an infant at places, such as hospitals, where the baby will be immediately cared for, no questions asked.

Presumably, Barrett asked these questions because it sheds light on what the pro-*Roe* camp thinks: Giving anything less than three trimesters to a woman in which to choose to kill her baby is forcing parenthood upon her. But she is already a mother while pregnant, and she has the choice to give that child to a family who will raise her. Placing babies in loving homes is not a problem in America. It’s the teenagers in foster care who are the challenge.

The *Dobbs* oral arguments and the scene outside the Court was a great moment of light in the darkness of a half-century of *Roe*. Overturning *Roe* won’t end abortion in America, but it will be more than a small step in setting us on the right course, one in which mothers and babies are welcomed and celebrated rather than thrown away.

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